

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-21 are pending. Claims 1 and 4-7, 11, 12, and 18 have been amended. Claims 20 and 21 have been added. Claim 2 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter has been added. The amendments are fully supported by the specification.

As an initial matter, Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Addy for the courtesy of a telephonic interview extended to Applicant's representative on August 24, 2009. During the interview, certain claims were discussed with respect to the cited reference of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0105536 ("Williams").

Although the Examiner indicated that she will spend additional time confirming her initial assessment of the amended claims, Examiner Addy agreed that the amended claims likely distinguish Williams.

Claims 1-10, 12-14, 17, and 19 are Allowable

Claims 1-10, 12-14, 17, and 19 are rejected, under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), as being anticipated by Williams. Claim 2 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant respectfully traverses the remainder of the rejections.

Claims 1 and 3 are Allowable

The cited portions of Williams do not disclose or suggest the specific combination of claim 1. For example, the cited portions of Williams fail to disclose or suggest a destination voice mailbox selected based on an evaluation of a first redirecting number and a second redirecting number, as in claim 1. Instead, Williams describes using a subscriber's number to identify a voice mailbox of a user. *See* Williams, paragraphs [0006] and [0007]. Only after the user's mailbox has been located using the subscriber's number is a redirecting reason code (included within redirecting information) used to select a greeting associated with the located mailbox. *See* Williams, paragraphs [0006] and [0007]. Multiple greetings are available, but only one voice mailbox is described. *See* Williams, paragraph [0039]. Only one number, the subscriber's number, is used to locate the voice mailbox. *See* Williams, paragraphs [0006] and [0007]. A voice mailbox selected using a subscriber's number is not the same as a destination

voice mailbox selected based on an evaluation of a first redirecting number and a second redirecting number, as in claim 1.

As another example, Williams describes using the subscriber's number to identify a single voice mailbox of a user. The redirecting reason code is used to select one of a number of greetings associated with the one mailbox. *See* Williams, paragraph [0039] and claim 4. A greeting selected from among a plurality of greetings (associated with a user's single mailbox) is not the same as a destination voice mailbox selected from a plurality of voice mailboxes associated with a user, as in claim 1. Although a caller may hear different greetings, a user in Williams only checks one voice mailbox. Hence, the cited portions of Williams fail to disclose or suggest a destination voice mailbox selected from a plurality of voice mailboxes associated with a user, as in claim 1. Claim 3 is allowable at least by virtue of its dependence from claim 1. Further, claim 3 recites additional elements not disclosed or suggested by the cited portions of Williams.

For example, the cited portions of Williams fail to disclose or suggest that at least one of first and second redirecting numbers is compared to a set of predetermined authorized redirecting numbers, where the voice mailbox is selected from a group of available voice mailboxes based upon at least one of the first and the second redirecting numbers, as in claim 3. Williams uses a single voice mailbox with multiple greetings. *See* Williams, paragraph [0039]. For at least this additional reason, claim 3 is allowable.

Claims 4-6 are Allowable

The cited portions of Williams do not disclose or suggest the specific combination of claim 4. For example, the cited portions of Williams fail to disclose or suggest an address determined based upon a first redirecting number of a first telephone redirecting device and a second redirecting number of a second telephone redirecting device, as in claim 4. Instead, Williams describes using only a subscriber's number to identify a voice mailbox of a user. *See* Williams, paragraphs [0006] and [0007]. A voice mailbox selected using only a subscriber's number is not the same as a destination voice mailbox selected based upon a first redirecting number of a first telephone redirecting device and a second redirecting number of a second telephone redirecting device, as in claim 4. Further, as shown in FIG. 1, the system of Williams

uses only one telephone redirecting device 12. The cited portions of Williams do not disclose or suggest a second telephone redirecting device, as in claim 4.

As another example, Williams describes using a subscriber's number to identify a single voice mailbox of a user. A redirecting reason code is used to select one of a number of greetings associated with the one mailbox. See Williams, paragraph [0039] and claim 4. Selecting a greeting from among a plurality of greetings associated with a single mailbox associated with a user is not the same as a destination voice mailbox selected from a plurality of voice mailboxes associated with a user, as in claim 4. Hence, the cited portions of Williams fail to disclose or suggest a destination voice mailbox selected based on an evaluation of a first redirecting number and a second redirecting number, as in claim 4. Claims 5 and 6 are allowable at least by virtue of their dependence from claim 4. Further, the dependent claims recite additional elements not disclosed or suggested by the cited portions of Williams.

For example, the cited portions of Williams fail to disclose or suggest comparing a second redirecting number to a plurality of authorized redirecting numbers, as in claim 5. The cited portions of Williams describe a single redirecting number to transfer a telephone call to a voice mailbox and do not disclose or suggest a second redirecting number. See Williams, paragraph [0037]. For at least this additional reason, claim 5 is allowable.

Claims 7-10, 12-14, 17, and 19 are Allowable

The cited portions of Williams do not disclose or suggest the specific combination of claim 7. For example, the cited portions of Williams fail to disclose or suggest an evaluation of a redirecting number and a second redirecting number of a second telephone redirecting device, as in claim 7. Williams describes using a subscriber's number to identify a voice mailbox of a user. See Williams, paragraphs [0006] and [0007]. The cited portions of Williams do not disclose or suggest using an evaluation of a redirecting number and a second redirecting number of a second telephone redirecting device, as in claim 7. Further, as shown in FIG. 1, the system of Williams uses only one, not two, telephone redirecting devices, as in claim 7.

As another example, Williams describes using a subscriber's number to identify a single voice mailbox of a user. A redirecting reason code is used to select one of a number of greetings associated with the one mailbox. See Williams, paragraph [0039] and claim 4. A system with a single voice mailbox assigned to a user is not the same as a system with a plurality of voicemail

accounts associated with a user, as in claim 7. Although a caller may hear different greetings, a user in Williams only checks one voice mailbox. Hence, the cited portions of Williams fails to disclose or suggest each of the elements of claim 7. Claims 8-10, 12-14, 17, and 19 are allowable at least by virtue of their dependence from claim 7. Further, the dependent claims recite additional elements not disclosed or suggested by the cited portions of Williams.

For example, the cited portions of Williams fail to disclose or suggest a first greeting that is presented upon access to a first voice mailbox and a second greeting that is presented upon access to a second voice mailbox, as in claim 17. In contrast, the cited portions of Williams describe a number of greetings associated with the same mailbox. *See* Williams, paragraph [0039] and claim 4. For at least this additional reason, claim 17 is allowable.

Claims 11, 15, 16, and 18 are Allowable

Claims 11, 15, 16, and 18 are rejected, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as being unpatentable over Williams. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections.

Claims 11, 15, 16, and 18 ultimately depend from claim 7, which Applicant has shown to be allowable. Therefore, claims 11, 15, 16, and 18 are also allowable by virtue of their dependence from claim 7. Further, the dependent claims recite additional elements not disclosed or suggested by the cited portions of Williams.

For example, the cited portions of Williams fail to disclose or suggest a call routed to a default home voicemail system when a redirecting number is not found in an authorized list of redirecting numbers, as in claim 11. Instead, Williams describes a redirecting reason code that is used by the voicemail system to select a greeting, not a default home voicemail system. *See* Williams, paragraph [0058]. For at least this additional reason, claim 11 is allowable.

In another example, the cited portions of Williams fail to disclose or suggest a second redirecting number entry that is associated with a mobile communication device, where a second voice mailbox is a designated mobile communication device voicemail account, as in claim 16. Instead, Williams describes locating a subscriber's voice mailbox using their (subscriber) number. *See* Williams, paragraphs [0006] and [0007]. Because there is only one voice mailbox in Williams, no second voice mailbox associated with a mobile communication device is disclosed or suggested by the cited portions of Williams. For at least this additional reason, claim 16 is allowable.

In another example, the cited portions of Williams fail to disclose or suggest a default voicemail account associated with a home phone, where the default voicemail account is one of a plurality of voicemail accounts associated with a user, as in claim 18. Instead, Williams describes locating a single voice mailbox associated with a user. See Williams, paragraphs [0006] and [0007]. Because there is only one voice mailbox, no default voice mailbox (of a plurality of mailboxes associated with a user) associated with a home phone is disclosed or suggested in the cited portions of Williams. For at least this additional reason, claim 18 is allowable.

New Claims 20 and 21 are Allowable

Claims 20 and 21 depend from claim 1, which Applicant has shown to be allowable. Therefore, claims 20 and 21 are also allowable by virtue of its dependence from claim 1.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has pointed out specific features of the claims not disclosed, suggested, or rendered obvious by the cited portions of the references as applied in the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of each of the objections and rejections, as well as an indication of the allowability of each of the pending claims.

Any changes to the claims in this amendment, which have not been specifically noted to overcome a rejection based upon the cited art, should be considered to have been made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.

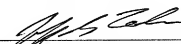
The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below if such a call would in any way facilitate allowance of this application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-2469.

Respectfully submitted,

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